(*a*) whether the Electrical Engineer has stated on behalf of Government during the last Budget Session of the Assembly that the extension of electric supply will be given to Chengannur in 1120 itself:

(*b*) whether the extension has been given and if not, the steps so far taken for carrying out this work; and

(*c*) the year in which the administrative sanction for this extension was accorded by Government?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Extension has not been carried out. Materials for the work are being collected.

(*c*) 1941 November.

Hydro-Electric Scheme at Idiki.

161. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation has been made by Government about the hydro-electric scheme at Idiki either recently or before?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: The question of developing electric power from Idiki Water Falls has been considered by Government, but no detailed investigation of the scheme has been carried out.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ഇതു ഇൻവസ്റ്റിഗേറ്റ ചെയ്യണമെ എന്നു മുട്ടശ്ശിച്ചാണോ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: There are cheaper schemes which can be developed.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ചിപ്പാണോ അല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ളതു് അതു പറയുവാൻ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് നിശ്ചയിക്കുക?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Preliminary investigations have been carried out.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know when they were carried out?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: In 1936.

PRESIDENT: Two experts were at that time in India and their services were availed of by this Government. They investigated seven or eight schemes and made a report to Government. Afterwards the matter was looked into and it was found that these schemes were likely to be exploited more easily than the Idiki Scheme. But that Scheme has not been given up.

Telephone section of the Parur Anchal Office.

162. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the average monthly income of the telephone section of the Parur Anchal Office?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: Rs. 230.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Do the Government propose to shift the Telephone Call Office from the present site?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: There is no such proposal.

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